

BRITISH GAIN SOUTH OF THE SOMME FRENCH BREAK UP DRIVE

attempts to develop the advantage gained by him on the previous day. After many hours of fluctuating battle the enemy's advance was held at all points. Heavy casualties were suffered by his troops in the course of his many unsuccessful attacks.

"The enemy's assaults on the French positions from Loire to La Clette were pressed with extreme violence, and after three attacks had been beaten off with great loss to him his troops succeeded at the fourth attempt in carrying the village of Loire. In the evening our allies counter attacked and drove the enemy out, regaining possession of the village. At other points all the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

"Fierce fighting took place north of Kemmel village and in the neighborhood of Voormezele, which, after a prolonged struggle, remains in the hands of our troops. In the afternoon the enemy again heavily attacked our positions at the ridge wood southwest of Voormezele and was completely repulsed. Some hundreds of prisoners were captured by us in this fighting.

"Local fighting also took place yesterday afternoon on the Lys battlefield in the neighborhood of Givenchy, as a result of which forty prisoners were captured by us.

"South of the Somme the fighting continued during the afternoon to the advantage of the Allies' troops in the Hangard-Villers-Bretonneux sector. Our line was again advanced at certain points and a hostile attack with tanks early in the afternoon was broken up by our fire and failed to develop. The number of prisoners captured by us in this area is over 900.

"Successful raids were carried out by us during the night in the neighborhood of Arleux (northeast of Arras) and in the Vieux-Berquin sector (southeast of Hazebrouck). We captured twenty prisoners. On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report."

GERMAN ATTACK BROKEN UP ON THENNES RAILROAD LINE

Enemy Unable to Make Any Headway South-east of Amiens—Raids at Many Points. [FRENCH REPORT]

PARIS, April 27.—The statement issued to-day by the War Office is as follows:

"During the night the artillery battle was continued along the front between Villers-Bretonneux and Hangard. There was no change in the situation.

"The Germans attacked our defenses on the line of the railroad west of Thennes, but were not able to approach our positions.

"We carried out successful raids in the region of the Oise Canal, near the Loire, and northeast of Carnillet, and took a number of prisoners.

"The artillery fighting was rather severe on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front)."

PERSHING PRAISES BELGIANS IN MESSAGE TO KING ALBERT

Declares Heroic Resistance of Army Evokes Profound Admiration in Hearts of Men of American Expeditionary Forces.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Gen. Pershing, according to announcement made by the Belgian Legation, has sent to Gen. Gillain of the Belgian General Staff for transmittal to King Albert the following telegram:

"Please convey to the Commander in Chief my personal congratulations on the fine behavior of his valiant troops, and assure him of the profound admiration the heroic and victorious resistance the Belgian Army has evoked in the hearts of officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces."

King George of England has sent this telegram to King Albert of Belgium:

"Please accept my congratulations for the splendid success of your troops during the German attacks of last week."

NORTHCLIFFE RESIGNED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

Has Consented to Continue at Post Until a Successor Is Named.

LONDON, April 27.—Lord Northcliffe, in an interview, says he has been suffering from influenza for nine weeks, but kept working throughout his illness. He said he consented to continue until the Government finds a successor.

Air Minister Weir has been appointed Air Minister and President of the Supreme Council, in succession to Lord Northcliffe, brother of Lord Northcliffe, who resigned Thursday.

WON'T SHED AUSTRIAN BLOOD TO FURTHER GERMAN EMPIRE

Conquests in Russia Must Be Fought For by the Kaiser Alone, Says Vienna Newspaper.

LONDON, April 27.—"One thing is certain," says the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague. "We are not going to allow Austrian blood to be shed, either now or later on, to retain German conquests."

This statement is made in a criticism of Germany's action in the direction of virtual annexation of the former Russian border States of Lithuania and Estonia. The newspaper asks whether the treaty concluded with Russia at Brest-Litovsk is still valid, and adds:

"Germany's action will have to be paid for with another war as soon as Russia is strong enough. This, of course, is entirely Germany's business."

85,000 Beds Available for Army Purposes.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—When hospital construction now under way is completed more than 92,000 beds will be available for army purposes, according to statistics compiled in the office of the Surgeon General.

NEW TROOPS FIGHT WELL FOR BRITAIN IN FIRST BATTLES

Men Fresh From Training Camps Do as Well as Veterans in Offensive.

LONDON, April 27.—Writing from British correspondents' headquarters in France of the recapture of Villers-Bretonneux, Perry Robinson, in the Daily News, says at least 1,000 German prisoners were taken. His despatch continues:

"At the headquarters of the units engaged I was told that the German casualties were as severe as in any of the recent bloody battles. Savage fighting went on in the streets of Villers-Bretonneux and the roads going into and out of the place, and it was the kind of fighting at which one Australian is better than many Germans."

One interesting feature of this attack has been the employment of the much talked of German tanks. It is not known that more than five were engaged. They assisted apparently in the second stage of the operation after the infantry had pushed through on the south of Villers-Bretonneux. Then the tanks went the same way and came on around the French positions in the village from south and west. Four or five enemy tanks fell in with two of ours and the first engagement between the land ironclads took place. One of our machines was crippled when a third British tank drove in sight and joined in the attack. The newcomer knocked out one of the enemy and the rest appear to have made their escape.

On another part of the battlefield British tanks were engaged and did fine work, some coming back with their sides splashed with blood, for besides using their guns, these tanks were able to ram the enemy and managed in several cases to get home into bunches of Germans. They were evidently handled with great skill and gallantry and have proved themselves very useful weapons.

Eyewitnesses say that the German tanks are bigger than those of the British, with large turrets, and there are plenty of eyewitnesses. At least one tank passed clean over a trench held by men of the Middlesex Regiment, who fired at it with rifles and revolvers.

Prisoners taken to-day are all much discouraged and speak of the hardships they have been through. Many have not had rations for two days, and they are like wolves when given food. Besides the prisoners the British are known to have taken some light field guns, four machine-guns and 21 machine-guns.

It is gratifying to know that among the troops engaged in this fighting and in line for the attack began with very recent arrivals who had no experience in actual battle. They were subjected to a dreadful ordeal in the bombardment, which was extremely heavy, and fought in spite of it very well.

BARS SECOND CLASS MAIL BOOMING LIBERTY BONDS

Post Office Calls Slogan on Wrappers "Advertising" and Refuses Association Bulletin.

The New York post office has refused to receive second class mail with the following slogan stamped on the wrapper: "Your Patriotic Duty—Buy Liberty Bonds."

Ask why, and you will be told the slogan is "advertising," that the law forbids advertising on the wrapper of second class mail and that the business of the post office officials "is not to interpret the regulations but to enforce them."

The Surveyors' Customs Welfare Association, composed of 3,000 employees of the Customs House, publishes a monthly "Bulletin" which is sent as second class mail. The association is going to have a Liberty Loan rally tomorrow night at the Hippodrome. It was decided to make the announcement in the bulletin so money could be saved for buying Liberty Bonds. So on each copy was stamped the slogan above referred to. The whole edition was turned back by the post office. Arguments were in vain, so a corps of men rubbed out the "objectionable words."

The job was finished this morning and the edition was accepted.

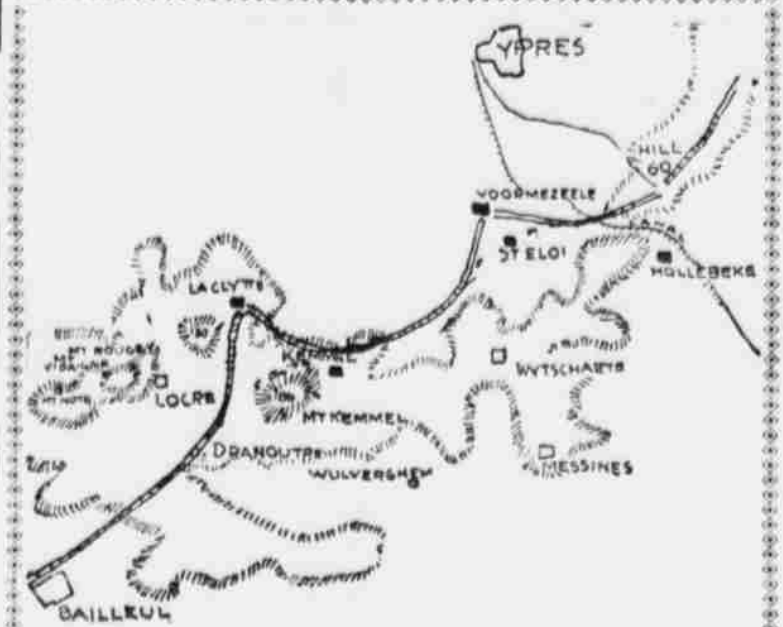
RIVER VICTIMS IDENTIFIED.

One Was Officer on English Ship, Other Dutch Vessel Fireman.

Two bodies, one of which was found yesterday floating in the East River off 12th Street, Brooklyn, the other in the North River off 125th Street, were identified this morning. The body taken from the East River was that of Zep Barlow, fifty-two years old, an Englishman, who had been chief officer on board a Japanese vessel under charter by the British Government. According to the police Barlow disappeared from the vessel on New Year's Day. The identification was made by a friend and through papers.

The other body was that of Tenuis Eklboom, a Hollander, who had been a fireman on a Dutch ship. Eklboom is said to have jumped overboard March 26.

Chief Points on Battle Front Centring at Mont Kemmel



To-day's despatches show that ground has been recaptured between Loire and La Clette, northwest and west of Mont Kemmel. Below Ypres there was a long battle for Voormezele near St. Eloi, which ended with British holding the town.

LIBERTY DAY SPURS BIG LOAN WELL PAST \$2,000,000,000 MARK

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Mills Manufacturing Company, \$40,000; Boker Cutlery and Hardware Company, \$40,000; H. J. Boker & Co., Inc. (additional), \$50,000; H. A. Casper & Co. (additional), \$50,000; Cary Manufacturing Company, \$50,000; David Mahany, \$100,000, and F. L. Dommerich & Co., \$140,000.

Benjamin Strong, Chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, issued a statement to-day condemning the practice of some patriotic bond sellers who have paid initial instalments and shown that many of the subscribers.

"While such offers originate from the best of motives," said Mr. Strong, "the result has been distinctly unsatisfactory to the Treasury Department, as well as the Liberty Loan Committee of the Second Federal Reserve District, both of which are opposed to such methods of stimulating subscriptions. In the last loan results showed that many of the subscribers so started were never completed."

"The policy of the Secretary of the Treasury is to place their loans at par and the effect of sales by the method described is to give certain subscribers their bonds at a lower price."

One of next week's features will be a meeting Wednesday night at Carnegie Hall, where James W. Gerard, Martin W. Littleton and others will be speakers. An American conception of Victory, painted by Agnes E. Meyer, a New York artist, will be hung in the hall.

The picture shows a female figure draped in the Stars and Stripes, the head poised high and the hands outstretched as in victory. It is Miss Meyer's contribution to the Liberty Loan. Her work has attained prominence in this country and in Europe.

One of the most encouraging reports to-day came from Clarence R. Dugan, in charge of the canvass of all employees of the New York Central lines, scattered through eight States and a portion of Canada. The total subscriptions of the New York Central System so far are \$2,713,850, with 66,737 individual subscriptions. This is more than double the record made in the first two loans.

Brooklyn reported the largest single day's total since the start of the drive. The day's subscriptions were \$2,114,750, bringing the total up to \$26,490,400. Brooklyn's quota is \$40,000,000. The greatest Brooklyn subscription was made by the Corn Exchange National Bank, which took \$1,688,700. American citizens of German birth will hold the top honor in the loan campaign. The meetings will be held in the Mall in Central Park and in the auditorium of the Union Hill High School, Union Hill, N. J.

Park Commissioner William F. Grell will preside at the Central Park meeting, which will begin at 3 P. M. Ludwig Nissen, Herman A. Metz, Bernard H. Ruder and Oscar L. Seitz will speak. There will be a band concert and choruses by the United Singers of New York and the Arion and Liederkreis Societies.

The loan committee of the Cotton Exchange has received subscriptions of \$3,526,900 up to date, which is \$26,800 more than it set out to raise. Chairman Arthur Lehman said the Exchange subscription undoubtedly would go over \$4,000,000 before next Saturday.

\$360,800 LIBERTY BONDS FOR DEAD WIFE'S ESTATE

Franklyn L. Hutton Files Accounting as Administrator for Daughter of F. W. Woolworth.

Franklyn L. Hutton, as administrator of the estate of his wife, Edna Woolworth Hutton, daughter of Frank W. Woolworth, who died at the Hotel Plaza last May, filed his final accounting to-day in the surrogate's office. Out of

LOAN GETS \$141,500 BOOST WHILE MAYORS SEE PLAY

Hylan Starts Buying at Hippodrome and Officials From 24 States Follow.

The Liberty Loan fund is \$141,500 greater to-day as a result of sales started by Mayor Hylan at a performance of "Cheer Up" at the Hippodrome last night.

Mayors of fifty American cities were guests of the Liberty Loan Committee, and the delegation, headed by Mayor Hylan and his family, went to the playhouse after reviewing the parade.

In the escorting party were Benjamin Strong, James S. Alexander, Guy Emerson, Charles H. Sabin, Albert H. Wiggin and Louis H. Hosmer.

After a stirring address by Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Company, Mayor Hylan bought a \$1,000 bond and promised his sales work to the Liberty Loan. He also rapidly followed were purchasers representing twenty-four States, Canada, Norway and Holland, the total being \$141,500. New York led with \$35,000, Massachusetts being next with \$10,000.

BOND BUYING TEST IN NATURALIZATION

Justice Finds Forty Applicant Aliens Have Made Step Toward Citizenship.

Before Supreme Court Justice Morschauer administered the oath to applicants for citizenship in Mount Vernon, N. Y., yesterday, he addressed the crowd in the court room, urging those about to become citizens to buy Liberty bonds.

When the Justice asked how many of the applicants had bought bonds forty raised their hands. Smiling, the court said, "That is very good."

Then he impressed upon his audience the opportunity they had to show their patriotism and to help win the war.

Loan Posters Are to Open Face's Eyes.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Some of the Liberty Loan posters sent to Gen. Pershing in France will be dropped from airplanes behind the German lines to impress on those who see them the idea that the United States considers the winning of the war a definite necessity.

Get \$80,000 Through Baumann Employees

Employees of the Ludwig Baumann stores, No. 500 Eighth Avenue and No. 144 West 128th Street, met at the Eighth Avenue store last night for a Liberty Loan meeting to stimulate the selling campaign the men and women are conducting. It was announced that \$80,000 in bond subscriptions had been obtained through the efforts of the store workers.

War Labor Board Seeks to Prevent Paper Mill Strike.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—An effort to prevent a nation-wide strike of paper mill workers called for May 1 will be made by the National War Labor Board when it meets Monday, members of the board announced on their arrival here to-day.

AUSTRIAN RULERS MAY BE DEPOSED, REPORT IN LONDON

Nobles Plot Against Charles, While Pan-Germans Open War on Empress Zita.

LONDON, April 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Express at Amsterdam says he understands from a reliable source that plans to depose Emperor Charles were discussed at recent meetings of Austrian and Hungarian nobles. It is stated that one of the Empress's ladies-in-waiting revealed the whole plot to Charles, who decided to make a clean sweep of the court officials, with the exception of the Counts Berchtold and Esterhazy, in whom his confidence is unshaken.

From Swiss sources come a story that hostility against the royal family has become alarming, and that the Austro-Hungarian press says outright that the actions of the Empress Zita are a disgrace. She is held responsible in Pan-German circles in Austria and Germany for the feeling that exists against Germany.

The Duchess of Parma, the mother of Empress Zita, has been refused permission to go to Switzerland, and was turned back from a small village. The newspapers say the departure of the mother of the Empress "for several days" may be extended to longer duration, more by necessity than choice. One paper says that unless the influence of Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, a brother of the Empress, be put to an end, the loyalty of the Austrian people to the Teutonic allies will be gravely compromised.

GET AFTER PAWNBROKERS WHO SCALP LIBERTY BONDS

Assistant District Attorney Detailed to Subpoena Them and Break Up Practice.

On the complaint of members of the Liberty Loan Committee and the Federal Reserve Bank, District Attorney Swann to-day authorized Assistant District Attorney Brogan to obtain subpoenas against twenty pawnbrokers suspected of doing a scalping business in Liberty Loan bonds.

R. P. Reiser, Assistant Treasurer in the local office of the Standard Oil Company, told the committee of an instance where a messenger in the Standard Oil office received from a pawnbroker \$9 on a \$50 bond on which \$15 already had been deposited. Another employee of the company said his \$50 bonds for \$84, having already paid in \$35 on account.

"These circumstances and others akin to them," said Brogan to-day, "indicate the necessity for the Government's making some provision to stop the scalping of Liberty Bonds."

VON SEYDLER OUT AGAIN.

Resignation of Another Premier Once More Reported.

ZURICH, April 27.—Dr. von Seydler, Austrian Premier, has resigned again, according to Austrian advices received to-day. It is rumored that the Austrian Crown Council will be convoked.

Premier von Seydler resigned a few days ago but it was reported that Emperor Karl had refused to accept his resignation.

Bond Slacker Tamed and Feathered.

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, April 27.—Because he had refused to buy Liberty Bonds or assist the Red Cross, George Geannapoulos, a confectioner, was taken to the edge of town to-day by 200 business men, tarred and feathered and escorted out of town.

American Aviator Killed by Fall in England.

LONDON, April 27.—The death on Thursday of Second Lieut. John Jewitt Miller, an American member of the British air force, became known through the inquest held on Friday. Lieut. Miller was killed in a fall of 10 feet near Chester.

HAVRE DE GRACE ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., April 27.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows: FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds, conditionals, four furlongs. May 1st, 107, Tomsa Waz, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107.

SECOND RACE—For three-year-olds and up, conditionals, six furlongs. May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107.

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds and up, conditionals, six furlongs. May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107.

FOURTH RACE—For three-year-olds and up, conditionals, six furlongs. May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107.

FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and up, conditionals, six furlongs. May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107, May 1st, 107, Jannie Moss, 125, Lora Black, 107.

103 IN NEW LIST OF CASUALTIES; MANY FELL AT SEICHEPREY

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Lafayette, Stanley Narkum, James Pappan, George A. Perigny, George J. Prefontaine, Peter Radoulvitch, Harley R. Richards, Raymond E. Smith, Ralph Stebbins.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Lieut. Andrew S. Robinson and Private Edward P. Maher.

STOP DRIVE QUICKLY OR WIN WAR AT SEA, SAYS LEWIS

Senator Pleads for Immediate Passage of Overman Bill to Speed Up War Work.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—"Unless the German drive is stopped by July 1 the war must be won by the Allied navies," Senator Lewis declared in a speech on the Overman Emergency Bill.

Lewis declared intimations from Allied countries that the United States has fallen down in setting men abroad constitute an "unfair accusation."

Senator Gallinger said Lewis was wrong, but Gen. Joffre publicly urged America to send all the men that could be sent. Lewis declared Joffre asked for officers for the moral effect their presence would have and later for some regular soldiers.

Lewis then declared that quick passage of the Overman Bill would give the President power to speed up all departments to meet whatever conditions may arise, whether they concern naval or land warfare.

PLAN NOW TO GET COAL FOR WINTER, Hylan's Order

Directs Loft to Begin Preparing to Supply Families of Men in Nation's Service.

Mayor Hylan to-day directed George W. Loft, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on National Defense, to begin planning at once for supplying coal next winter to the families of men who are in the service of their country. Recalling that the Federal Food Administration has warned of another coal shortage next winter, the Mayor added:

"It seems to me that your committee can render no greater patriotic service than to devote itself to preventing distress among the direct and indirect dependents of those who will be under arms in the service of their country. There are thousands of families in New York who have not and will not have the money or storage facilities to make advance provision against a probable coal famine next winter. Realizing this, it is our duty to act for them as we can. I therefore designate your committee to undertake, in cooperation with the Department of Markets, this humane task of purchasing and storing coal for sale to the poor."

Mayor Hylan said the city Chamberlain would be his representative in procuring such co-operation as may be necessary on the part of the city banks in financing the undertaking. Co-operation has been pledged by the Greater New York Retail Coal Dealers' Association.

"YOU KNOW ME, AL" BOYS NOT SLOW IN TAKING BRIDES

Last Chance to Get a Husband To-Night—Only a Few Single Soldiers Left.

Hey, boys! If you know any girl who wants to get married all her seat for the "You Know Me, Al" soldier show, at the Lexington Theatre to-night for the last time. There are only a few of the boys from Spartanburg who haven't been roped and branded since the show came to town; but these few remaining stars are well!

Marriage—that's what the show travels on! The aggregation of khaki trousers came to town two weeks ago, each "chorus girl" and principal fancy free. And now look at the mess!

Stanley Hughes, one of the dancing team of Al's show, was a member of the Brooklyn girl whose name before it became Hughes, Stan won't tell. Then there's Reddy Fontaine, a chorine; Don't think of Kinney of No. 499 West 125th Street, is his bride.

Ed Tierney, the bellhop in the show, got tucked under the wing of Eleanor Franke of No. 1161 Union Avenue, the Bronx, a few days ago. Charles Lacey, one of the "show girls," married Caroline O'Connor of No. 74 West 52d Street.

"One Line" Jack McDonald—he has only one line in the show—got hooked with a girl named Belle of the Police. Jack Mahoney, who has a blackface part, denies he's married, but his wife gave him away to the bunch yesterday. Poor Jack—poor Jack!

And three of the still single ones have become engaged during the two weeks' run of "You Know Me, Al."

PENNSY THEATRE WINNERS.

Javelin Throw—Won by Emery, Pennsylvania State, 133 feet 3 inches; second, Bartels, Pennsylvania, 144 feet 13 inches; third, Rice, Kansas, 139 feet, 3 inches; fourth, Hammond, University of South, 133 feet, 3 inches.

May Day Strike in Austria-Hungary Decided On.

ZURICH, April 27.—A May Day strike throughout Austria-Hungary has been decided upon, it was learned here to-day. May Day is the European Labor Day.

GERMANY OPENLY THREATENS WAR ON DUTCH AND SWISS

Press Says Holland May Be "Second Belgium" From Which to Attack Britain.

LONDON, April 27.—Following the statement of Foreign Minister Loefer to the Holland Senate that negotiations with Germany were not progressing satisfactorily, a despatch from The Hague to-day declared the Commander in Chief of the land and sea forces of Holland has provisionally moved all leaves of absence, thus maintaining the army and navy on war footing.

The Hague correspondent of the Times says Holland has given way to the German demand for use of the railway across the province of Limburg, stipulating, however, that no military traffic must pass.

Another demand of an embarrassing nature connected with shipping facilities has been made by Germany. The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Dutch Government already has taken preliminary steps to bring into force